

Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting of the County of Forty Mile No. 8 of the Province of Alberta held in the Board Room of the County Office, Foremost, Alberta on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by the Agriculture Chairman at 9:02 A. M.

Members Present: *Chantel Timmons*
 Craig Widmer
 Stacey Barrows
 Steven Wikkerink
 Joan Hughson
 Gerald Reimer

Members Absent: *Dale Brown, County Administrator*

Also Present: *Kerri Buis, Director of Finance*
 Dave Matz, Agricultural Fieldman
 Darrell Van Arragon, Assistant Agricultural
 Fieldman
 Paula Mueller, Executive Assistant

Minutes

MOVED approval of the Minutes of the Regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting held on November 7, 2017.

CARRIED.

Amendments to the Agenda

MOVED that the December 12, 2017 Agricultural Service Board Agenda be approved with no amendments.

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

MOVED approval to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CARRIED.

Agricultural Fieldman's Report

The Agricultural Fieldman's Report was presented to the Committee by Mr. Matz.

MOVED to accept the Agricultural Fieldman's Report as per "Addendum A" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

2018 Meeting Dates

MOVED approval for the 2018 Meeting Dates to be February 6, March 6, May 1, June 5, September 4, October 2, and December 11.

CARRIED.

2018 Proposed Budget

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed the proposed budget for 2018.

Agricultural Service Board Resolutions

The Committee Members reviewed the following Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions that will be discussed at the ASB Conference in January 2018:

	<u>Support</u>
• Environmental Stream Funding of the Agricultural Service Board Grant	Y
• Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Crop Insurance Program	Y
• Organic Food Testing and Labelling	Y
• Proposed Federal Tax Changes	Y
• Weed Control on Alberta Vacant Public Lands within Green Areas	Y
• Appeals to the Minister Under the Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act	Y
• Requirement to Report Certain Pests to the Local Authority	Y
• Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement	Y
• Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers	Y
• Increasing Limits for Farm Direct Marketing of Chickens for all Farm Direct Producers	N
• Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products Using Eggs	N
• Chemical Control of Wireworms	?

Farm Safety Technical Working Groups Recommendations

Agricultural Service Board Committee Members reviewed the summary of recommendations made to the province regarding Occupational Health and Safety by the Farm Safety Technical Working Groups.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Facts and Question Sheet on Alberta's Public Land Grazing Framework
- 2017 In Service Training Agenda for Agricultural Staff
- 2018 Provincial A. S. B. Conference Travel Information

MOVED that the Meeting adjourn at 10:49 A. M.

CARRIED.